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119 S. BISHARA - VOL I 1 Committee for the Support of the Intifada? 2 I'm really not on the same -- I'm not 3 Α. following you. Could you please repeat your 4 5 question, please? In response to my question, you said that: 6 **Q.** "We've already discussed that this is 7 called the Saudi Committee." 8 I guess you didn't like my use of the 9 "Saudi Committee for the Support of the Intifada"; 10 11 right? I object to the question. MR. WALSH: 12 Again, quite argumentative. 13 No. I -- we've -- we've THE WITNESS: 14 agreed that there's no project finance here. 15 16 not a project. 17 Q. BY MR. WERBNER: I didn't agree. Fine. 18 Α. 19 Q. Okay. But it's not a project. 20 Α. Okay. You're sure of that? 21 Q. Your question, sir? 22 Α. Are you sure that the Saudi Committee for 23 Q. the Support of the Intifada, as Arab Bank associated 24 with it, was not a project of your bank? 25

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2	MR. WALSH: I object to the form of the	
3	question.	
4	THE WITNESS: The Saudi Committee, sir, is	
5	an entity which is governmentally established by the	
6	government of Saudi Arabia. We believed then, as we	
7	believe now, its sole role is to pass humanitarian	
8	and economic and relief aid to the Palestinian	
9	Territories.	
10	Q. BY MR. WERBNER: Did you do something	
11	at anytime to determine whether or not the, quote,	
12	"sole goal [sic]," end quote, of the Saudi Committee	
13	was to provide humanitarian aid and economic relief	
14	to the Palestinian Territories?	
15	MR. WALSH: I object to the form of the	
16	question.	
17	THE WITNESS: Not necessarily.	
18	Q. BY MR. WERBNER: Okay. Now, you said that	
19	the name is the Saudi Committee.	
20	What do you mean by that testimony?	
21	MR. WALSH: I object to the form of the	
22	question.	
23	THE WITNESS: That's what they called	
24	themselves, the Saudi Committee. And, eventually,	
25	their name was changed, as I said in my affidavit.	

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2	A. Yes.	
3	Q. Describe everything that you saw relating	
4	to the Saudi Committee for the Support of the	
5	Intifada before the lawsuit was filed.	
6	MR. WALSH: I object to the form of the	
7	question.	
8	THE WITNESS: I believe I've already said	
9	in earlier this morning that I may have seen one	
10	or two internal memorandum memoranda relating to	
11	the services rendered to Arab National Bank in this	
12	connection.	
13	Q. BY MR. WERBNER: Only one or two pieces	
14	of paper? Is that your testimony?	
15	MR. WALSH: Asked and answered.	
16	THE WITNESS: That is my testimony. Yes.	
17	Q. BY MR. WERBNER: Did strike that.	
18	Have you ever seen a single piece of	
19	paper, an e-mail, a memo, a report where Arab Bank	
20	discusses the Saudi Committee for the Support of	
21	the Intifada?	
22	MR. WALSH: I object to the form of the	
23	question.	
24	THE WITNESS: I have already just said	
25	that I may have seen one or two internal memoranda	

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2	re regarding the correspondent banking service	
3	we were offering to Arab National Bank.	
4	Q. BY MR. WERBNER: Were any of those KYC	
5	material?	
6	A. KYC material would be ably handled by	
7	our compliance team.	
8	Q. But have you ever seen KYC material	
9	related to the Saudi Committee for the Support	
10	of the Intifada?	
11	A. No.	
12	Q. Have you ever heard of the Al-Salah or	
13	Saleh how would you pronounce that? Al-Salah	
14	or Al-Saleh?	
15	A. I don't know how I would pronounce it.	
16	Depends how it is pronounced.	
17	What's the English name?	
18	Q. Okay. Well, assume it's an Arabic name.	
19	What does "Al-Salah" mean?	
20	A. I don't know. I have to read in front	
21	of me something.	
22	MR. WERBNER: Okay. I'd ask are you	
23	here as a translator or something?	
24	MR. WALSH: Were you	
25	MR. WERBNER: I mean, with all due	

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482 1 S. BISHARA - VOL III listed as suicide attack was, in fact, accurate 2 or inaccurate? 3 MR. WALSH: I object to the form of the 4 5 question. I beg your pardon. I did THE WITNESS: 6 7 not follow your question. I must have -- could you repeat it, please? 8 Not a problem. 9 BY MR. OSEN: Q. Before you signed your declaration in 10 November of 2004, do you know -- or I should say, 11 did you know whether the allegation contained in 12 paragraph 331 concerning the website of the Saudi 13 14 Committee was, in fact, accurate or inaccurate? I have said that I personally have not 15 16 seen the website. And I cannot make any judgment today as whether it is accurate or not. 17 Well, would the allegation, if true, that 18 **Q**. the Saudi Committee's website listed martyrs who 19 were to receive payments by a cause of death listed 20 as "suicide attack," would that allegation, if true, 21 be something that you would want to -- would have 22 23 wanted to know before signing your declaration? I object to the form of the MR. WALSH: 24 25 question.

483 1 S. BISHARA - VOL III THE WITNESS: Let me say this, Mr. Osen. 2 A, I have not seen the website. If, for any reason, 3 anything was brought to my desk at the time of the 4 event that appears suspicious or appears indicative 5 of something that could facilitate, aid, or abet 6 terror, I assure you I would do something about it. 7 BY MR. OSEN: Well, my question was a 8 Q. little bit different. I was focused on whether, 9 from your standpoint, subjectively, Shukry Bishara, 10 whether the truth of the allegation that the Saudi 11 Committee for the Support of the Intifada Al-Quds 12 website listed payees under the 'martyr' category as 13 having died as a result of suicide operations would 14 have been a significant fact that you would want --15 would have wanted to know at that time? 16 MR. WALSH: Asked and answered. 17 THE WITNESS: I believe I have just 18 19 answered it as clearly as I can. BY MR. OSEN: Well, you said, in answer, 20 that if there had been a suspicious -- something 21 that appeared suspicious or -- or appeared 22 indicative of something that could facilitate 23 or aid terrorism, you would have done something 24

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about it.

But that wasn't actually my question.